

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 1998 - 0800 MDT

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL IV

CURRENT SITUATION:

Several fires in the Southern Area continued to burn actively. Large fire activity increased in the Alaska and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Alaska mobilized a Type II Incident Management Team to a new fire on the Tongass National Forest. Containment objectives were achieved on most large fires in the Southern California, Rocky Mountain, and Southwest Areas. Most other Areas reported minimal initial attack activity. The National Interagency Coordination Center processed orders for two Type II Incident Management Teams, equipment, engines, helicopters, crews and miscellaneous overhead for the Southern Area. Very high and extreme fire indices were reported in Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Washington, Utah, California and Nevada.

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BUNNELL COMPLEX, Florida State, Flagler and St. Johns Counties. This complex is under Unified command with a Type I Incident Management Team (Hutchinson) and a Type II Incident Management Team (Hendricks) assigned. This complex consists of 15 fires. The Ware, Rodeo, Highway 11, and the Bull Bay fires were very active yesterday. The Ware fire threatened the town of Bunnell and damaged at least eight homes in Palm Beach. The Rodeo fire burned at least one home and several business structures in the northwest area of Ormand Beach. A mandatory evacuation is in effect for Flagler County residents west of Interstate 95. All residents were evacuated safely. The fires experienced some sea-breeze effects during the afternoon, which pushed the fires away from many homes.

BUNNELL-VOLUSIA COMPLEX, Florida State, Volusia County. A Type II Incident Management Team (Kearney) is assigned. Unified Command is in effect with Florida State. One fire jumped Interstate 95 and destroyed at least 10 homes and 10 businesses. A different blaze caused spot fires within the city limits of Daytona Beach. Extremely dense smoke is hampering all operations. Thirteen communities in Volusia County are under mandatory evacuation orders, and 10 others are under voluntary orders. The Road 3 fire and a new start made significant runs to the east. The Farmington fire has crossed into Volusia County. This complex is sharing resources with the Bunnell Complex to defend common boundaries.

ORLANDO COMPLEX, Florida State, Brevard, Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties. A Type I Incident Management Team (Birch) is assigned. The Farmton Fire escaped containment lines on the south side and burned to the east. Structures and commercial businesses near Highway 46 and Interstate 95 are threatened. Ten new starts burned an additional 6,000 acres yesterday. Unfavorable weather conditions continue to challenge suppression efforts.

JACKSONVILLE COMPLEX 2, Florida State, Nassau, Duval and Clay Counties. A Type I Incident Management Team (Monahan) is assigned. A Department of Forestry tractor had mechanical problems and set itself on fire. The driver sustained minor burns.

WACCASASSA COMPLEX, Florida State, Alachua, Putnam and Marion Counties. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hebb) is assigned. The fires in the complex were relatively calm yesterday. Bucket drops were used on a new start. Firefighters are making progress toward containment goals.

SUWANNEE COMPLEX, Florida State, Columbia, Union, Bradford and Baker Counties. A Type I Incident Management Team (Wands) is assigned. Unified Command is in effect with Florida State. Light rain fell on 20% of the complex yesterday and there was scattered lightning activity. Needles cast from fire damaged trees are creating a new fuel bed that could rekindle and cause additional control problems. Aggressive initial attack has allowed firefighters to contain the new starts.

WITHLACOOCHEE, Florida State, Hernando, Pasco, Lake Sumter and Citrus Counties. A Type II Incident Management Team (Voltolina) is assigned. Eight of the eleven fires in the complex are uncontrolled, but in the mop-up phase. The acreage decrease is due to more accurate mapping.

OAK HEAD COMPLEX, Osceola National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Greenhoe) is assigned. These fires are 20 miles north of Lake City. All fires are contained except for the portion within the Big Gum Swamp Wilderness. The fire is slowly moving through swap fuels. The complex continues to assist the Forest with initial attack responsibilities. Demobilization of resources is underway.

MERRITT ISLAND COMPLEX, Merritt Island NWR. This fire is in Brevard County at the Kennedy Space Center. A small flare-up on the St. Johns 2 fire forced the temporary closure of Highway 50. Firefighters are making progress toward suppression objectives.

BILDERBACK II, Ocala National Forest. No new information was provided.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$
BUNNELL COMPLEX	FLS	FL	43,656	UNK	UNK	527	2	47	3	3	NR	1

BUNNELL-VOLUSIA	FLS	FL	94,000	15	UNK	852	12	93	0	20	40M	1
ORLANDO COMPLEX	FLS	FL	36,480	15	7/20	438	9	36	0	35	2M	2
JACKSONVILLE 2	FLS	FL	2,160	UNK	UNK	107	2	0	0	1	NR	
WACCASASSA CPX	FLS	FL	12,416	98	UNK	171	1	0	1	0	NR	6
SUWANEE COMPLEX	FLS	FL	16,371	99	7/15	107	1	9	2	1	21M	2
WITHLACOOCHEE	FLS	FL	1,974	90	UNK	136	2	1	0	0	NR	
OAK HEAD COMPLX	FNF	FL	20,370	95	7/10	209	5	8	0	0	NR	
MERRITT ISLAND	MIR	FL	4,987	80	UNK	27	0	7	2	0	NR	
BILDERBACK II	FNF	FL	350	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
DON RANSON RNCH	TXS	TX	800	100	----	0	0	0	0	0	NR	
DOC'S CAMP.	OUF	AR	210	100	----	0	0	0	0	0	NR	
OBRIAN RANCH	TXS	TX	800	100	----	0	0	0	0	0	NR	

TXS = Texas State OUF =
Ouachita NF.

ALASKA LARGE FIRES:

MILL, Alaska State. A Type II Incident Management Team (McKnight) has been ordered. The fire is burning in and around a mill site at Goose Bay on Prince of Wales Island. No other information was available.

SLOW FORK, Alaska State. Active fire behavior was observed. This fire is 8 miles from the village of Telida. All personnel were pulled off the fire on 7/2. Efforts are being concentrated on protection of a cabin 3.5 miles from the fire. Personnel were also shuttled into Telida to begin structure protection.

CARLA LAKE, Fort Greely Army Base. This fire is 15 miles southwest of Delta Junction. The fire was relatively quiet yesterday and firefighters were able to make good progress toward containment objectives. Rehabilitation efforts are going well.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ CTD
MILL	TNF	AK	175	UNK	UNK	80	4	0	0	0	UNK	UNK
SLOW FORK	AKS	AK	7,600	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
CARLA LAKE	DDQ	AK	60,520	80	UNK	133	6	0	3	1	UNK	15M

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

FAUST, Salt Lake District, BLM. This fire is 18 miles west of Provo. Erratic winds caused spotting and created flames lengths of 10-12 feet. Highway 73 was closed as the fire jumped the road. No major resource values are at risk.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ CTD
FAUST	SLD	UT	1,500	50	7/7	153	1	29	1	0	UNK	UNK
NORTH CANYON	CAF	ID	400	100	—	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

CAF = Caribou NF.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

OSO, Santa Fe NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bateman) is assigned. This fire is ten miles north of Los Alamos. Favorable weather conditions allowed firefighters to make excellent progress on line construction. Light precipitation fell on the fire yesterday. Mop-up operations are underway.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ CTD
OSO	SNF	NM	5,185	75	7/5	808	24	15	5	0	NR	2.9M
SULPHUR	AZS	AZ	100	100	-----	0	0	0	0	0	NR	3K
RIVERSIDE	AZS	AZ	100	100	----	83	3	5	0	0	NR	50K
POWER	AZS	AZ	135	100	-----	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	10K
JUNCTION	NMS	NM	1,200	100	----	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	30K

AZS = Arizona State NMS = New Mexico State

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LARGE FIRES:

BEAR TRACKS, Arapaho-Roosevelt NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Sexton) is assigned. This fire is ten miles west of Evergreen. Firefighters continued to strengthen containment lines. An infrared flight helped to locate hot spots inside the lines. The fire received minor amounts of rain yesterday.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ CTD
BEAR TRACKS	ARF	CO	485	90	7/4	421	16	0	7	0	NR	870K
WHITE	PSF	CO	150	100	---	351	15	3	2	0	NR	527K

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ CTD
CHARRIOT	CCD	CA	2,097	100	---	120	6	2	4	0	NR	350K

CCD = California Desert District.

OUTLOOK:

Florida and southern Georgia will be partly cloudy and hot with scattered thunderstorms. High temperatures will be in the 90's.

A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN POSTED FOR WINDY AND DRY CONDITIONS IN NORTHWEST ARIZONA. This area will have gusty southwest winds of 20-30 MPH. Southern Nevada, Utah, New Mexico, and western Texas will be hot and dry with breezy southwest winds and isolated afternoon thunderstorms. Temperatures will be in the 80's and 90's in the mountains and from 95 to 110 in the valleys and deserts.

Colorado will be partly sunny. Isolated thunderstorms are possible in the west, with scattered thunderstorms in the eastern mountains. Temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's in the mountains and the 80's and 90's in the valleys.

NR = NOT REPORTED UNK = UNKNOWN

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES		0			2		2
	ACRES		44			230		274
NORTHWEST	FIRES					4	3	7
	ACRES					3	0	3
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		1			11	4	16
	ACRES		0			63	2	65
NORTHERN	FIRES	1					5	6
	ACRES	1					1	2
GB-EAST	FIRES	1	3			3	5	12
	ACRES	20	1,471			49	6	1,546
GB-WEST	FIRES		2				3	5
	ACRES		0				0	0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	34	1		1	6	19	61
	ACRES	6	0		3	184	9	202
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		3		1	3	8	15
	ACRES		0		0	0	15	15
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0

SOUTHERN	FIRES					59	0	59
	ACRES					44,120	250	44,370
TOTAL	FIRES	36	10	0	2	88	47	183
	ACRES	27	1,515	0	3	44,649	283	46,477

* = NO REPORT

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1	21	2	2	276	3	305
	ACRES	1	61,948	7	17	12,482	1	74,456
NORTHWEST	FIRES	43	32	2		178	122	377
	ACRES	9,047	10,319	4,500		428	77	24,371
CA-NORTH	FIRES	22	3		1	272	61	359
	ACRES	33	0		0	157	69	259
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	26	47	1	6	729	154	963
	ACRES	33	546	165	3	1,945	423	3,115
NORTHERN	FIRES	501	11	28		115	91	746
	ACRES	2,605	1,612	7,123		4,442	1,877	17,659
GB-EAST	FIRES	17	48		2	47	35	149
	ACRES	66	13,002		5	1,488	517	15,078
GB-WEST	FIRES		35		10	5	17	67
	ACRES		440		1	5	4	450
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1,250	59	14	35	691	507	2,556
	ACRES	5,371	4,466	9	5,982	78,161	5,032	99,021
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	169	69	23		329	112	702
	ACRES	1,185	1,250	126		3,079	2,059	7,699
EASTERN	FIRES	499			12	8,157	341	9,009
	ACRES	9,814			174	67,043	5,585	82,616

SOUTHERN	FIRES	8		51	27	18,174	573	18,833
	ACRES	35		8,582	5,614	408,126	18,858	441,215
TOTALS	FIRES	2,536	325	121	95	28,973	2,016	34,066
	ACRES	28,190	93,583	20,512	11,796	577,356	34,502	765,939
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								43,212
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								1,009,542

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0

	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				2		0	2
	ACRES				18		78	96
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	2	0	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	18	0	78	96

Fires and acres reported to the National Interagency Coordination Center are for operational uses. Official totals may be obtained by contacting the Agencies directly.

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	16	3	598	3,405
YUKON TERRITORY	9	1,214	96	77,008
ALBERTA	1	32	812	371,293
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	2	31	101	176,992
SASKATCHEWAN	8	1,105	628	238,110
MANITOBA	3	12	218	14,222
ONTARIO	9	8	928	84,506
QUEBEC	0	22,165	504	95,171
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	158	13,583
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	155	262
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	242	299
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	16	66
NATIONAL PARKS	0	13	46	1,473

TOTALS	48	24,583	4,502	1,076,390
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RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES:

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
ALASKA	8	2			2	1			12	11
NORTHWEST	1		10						1	
CA-NORTH										
CA-SOUTH	3	6	8	2	2	3			2	20
NORTHERN			1							
GB-EAST	1	2	18	28	6		5		17	3
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST	72	3	16	14	13	6	5		183	17
ROCKY MTN	41	3	22	2	10	2	1		238	21
EASTERN										5
SOUTHERN*	29	9	105	164	4	23		2	577	350
TOTAL	155	25	180	210	37	35	11	2	1030	427

*Resource commitments were not reported from many fires in the Southern Area.

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